

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please add the following new paragraph to page 1, line :

**-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This is a Continuation of application 10/012,171, filed December 5, 2001, now allowed. --

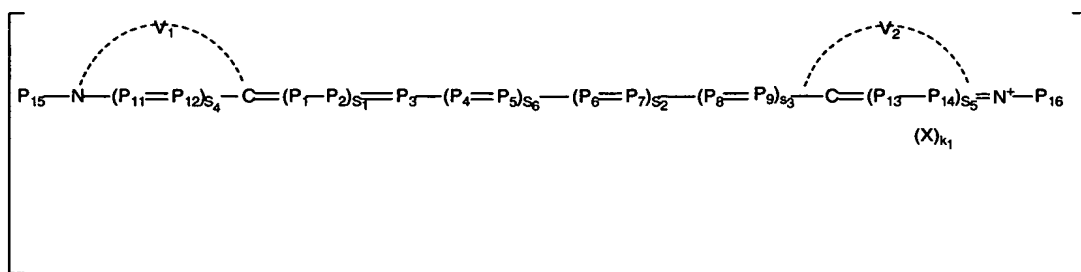
Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In some instances, it may be helpful to prepare the photosensitive silver halide grains in the presence of a hydroxytetrazaindene (such as 4-hydroxy-6-methyl-1,3,3,3a,7-tetrazaindene) or an N-heterocyclic compound comprising at least one mercapto group (such as 1-phenyl-5-mercaptotetrazole) to provide increased photospeed. Details of this procedure are provided in ~~co-pending and~~ commonly assigned U.S. Patent 6,413,710 (Shor et al.) Serial No. 09/833,533 ~~(filed April 12, 2001 by Shor, Zou, Ulrich, and Simpson)~~, incorporated herein by reference.

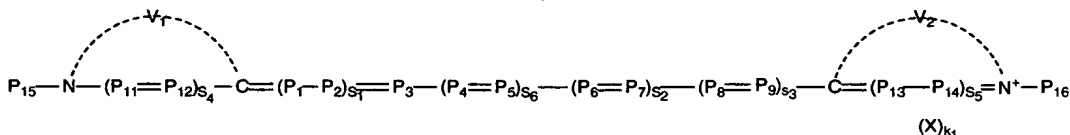
Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 28, line 4 , with the following rewritten paragraph:

Useful co-developer reducing agents can also be used as described for example, in ~~co-pending~~ U.S. Patent 6,387,605 (Lynch et al.) Serial No. 09/239,182 (filed January 28, 1999 by Lynch and Skoog), incorporated herein by reference. Examples of these compounds include, but are not limited to, 2,5-dioxo-cyclopentane carboxaldehydes, 5-(hydroxymethylene)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxane-4,6-diones, 5-(hydroxymethylene)-1,3-dialkylbarbituric acids, and 2-(ethoxymethylene)-1H-indene-1,3(2H)-diones.

Please replace Structure I on page 32, line 1, as follows:



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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 49, line 15 , with the following rewritten paragraph:

In addition, the desired level of absorbance can be provided by the addition of one or more radiation absorbing compounds from other classes of dye compounds, for example cyanines, hemicyanines, merocyanines, and oxonols ~~exonols~~.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 58, line 1 , with the following rewritten paragraph:

Layers to reduce emissions from the film may also be present, including the polymeric barrier layers described in ~~expending~~ U.S. Patent 6,352,819 (Kenney et al.) Serial No. 09/728,416 (filed December 1, 2000 by Kenney, Skoug, Ishida, and Wallace), U.S. Patents 6,352,820 and 6,420,102 (Bauer et al.) Serial No. 09/821,983 (filed March 30, 2001 by Bauer, Horeh, Miller, Yacobucci, and Ishida), and U.S. Serial Number 09/916,366 (filed July 27, 2001 by Bauer, Horeh, Miller, Teegarden, Hunt, and Sakizadeh and entitled "Thermally Developable Imaging Materials Containing Hydroxy-Containing Polymeric Barrier Layer") all incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 59, line 5 , with the following rewritten paragraph:

When the layers are coated simultaneously using various coating techniques, a “carrier” layer formulation comprising a single-phase mixture of the two or more polymers, described above, may be used. Such formulations are described in ~~co~~pending and commonly assigned U.S. Patent 6,355,405 (Ludemann et al.) Serial No. 09/510,648 (filed February 23, 2000 by Ludemann, LaBelle, Geisler, Warren, Crump, and Bhawe).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 60, line 18 , with the following rewritten paragraph:

Additional heat-bleachable antihalation systems include hexaaryl-biimidazoles (HABI's) used in combination with certain oxonol dyes as described for example in ~~co~~pending U.S. Patent 6,558,880 (Goswami et al) Serial No. 09/875,772 (filed June 6, 2001 by Goswami, Ramsden, Zielinski, Baird, Weinstein, Helber, and Lynch), or other dyes described for example in ~~co~~pending U.S. Patent 6,514,677 (Ramsden et al.) Serial No. 09/944,573 (filed August 31, 2001 by Ramsden and Baird), both incorporated herein by reference.